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SUBJECT: REPLY TO USSR ON BUNDESTAG PRESIDUM MEETING IN
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1. WE CONTINUE TO FAVOR ALLIED REPLY TO SOVIETS ON
PRESIDIUM AND COUNCIL OF ELDERS MEETINGS IN BERLIN WHICH
MAINTAINS MAXIMUM ALLIED FLEXIBILITY PENDING ALLIED
AGREEMENT ON WHETHER AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH
MEETINGS IN BERLIN ARE PERMISSIBLE UNDER QA.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE SHARE USBER'S VIEW (REFTEL B)
THAT LATEST BONN GROUP DRAFT STILL LEAVES IMPRESSION THAT
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ALLIES ALREADY HAVE PROHIBITED PRESIDUM AND COUNCIL OF

ELDERS MEETINGS IN BERLIN. IN ADDITION, REFERENCE IN
PARA B(REFTEL A) TO "ORGANS OF BUNDESTAG INCLUDING THOSE
REFERRED TO IN YOUR ORAL COMMUNICATION" IMPLIES THAT
ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY GOES BEYOND THOSE BODIES SPECIFICALLY
ENUMERATED IN PARA II (2) AND IS INCONSISTENT WITH OUR
VIEW THAT WHAT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED IN QA IS
PERMISSIBLE. WHILE OF LESSER IMPORTANCE, WE ALSO WOULD
SUGGEST THAT CONCLUDING WORDS PARA B "PRIOR TO ITS
DESPATCH" BE CHANGED TO "PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF THE QA"
TO HIGHLIGHT TIME SEQUENCE MOST RELEVANT TO AN INTERPRE-

TATION OF THE QA.

3. WE ALSO AGREE WITH BONN GROUP CONCLUSION THAT CHIEF
VALUE OF REPLY TO SOVIETS AT THIS LATE DATE IS TO INDIC-
ATE ALLIED DISAGREEMENT WITH SOVIET CONTENTIONS.

4. TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF ABOVE CONSIDERATION, WE WOULD
PROPOSE FOLLOWING MODIFIED TEXT:

WHILE NEITHER THE PRESIDUM NOR COUNCIL OF ELDERS
OF THE BUNDESTAG HAS HELD MEETINGS IN BERLIN IN
RECENT MONTHS, MY AUTHORITIES WISH TO STATE
CLEARLY THAT THEY DO NOT ACCEPT THE POSITION SET
FORTH IN THE SOVIET ORAL STATEMENT OF JANUARY 2,
1974.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MY AUTHORITIES WOULD POINT TO
THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE
THREE POWERS IN ANNEX II TO THE QA IN THE LIGHT
OF THE CLARIFICATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS CON-
TAINED IN THE ASSOCIATED LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 3,
1971 FROM THE AMBASSADORS OF THE THREE POWERS TO
THE CHANCELLOR OF THE FRG WHICH HAS BEEN
OFFICIALLY COMMUNICATED TO THE AMBASSADOR OF THE
SOVIET UNION PRIOR TO SIGNATURE OF THE QUADRIPART-
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